

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 25, 29, 36 and 40 to read as follows. Note that all claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system for transferring image information from an image transmission apparatus to an image reception apparatus provided with means for storing images, wherein

said image transmission apparatus is provided with means for requesting the transfer of images to transmit to said image reception apparatus an image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating the transfer amount of data on the image information to be transmitted prior to the transmission of the actual image data;

said image reception apparatus comprises determination means to determine whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on image storage means in accordance with the information of the transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal and the free information of said image storage means with respect to said image transfer request,

means for inputting transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user by displaying the result of determination by said determination means, and means for transmitting response to transmit to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user, and

said image transmission apparatus begins the transfer of image information in accordance with the transfer acceptance signal from said image reception apparatus.

2. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

3. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

4. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and said determination means calculates the sum of the data amount in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

5. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal displays the current free storage capacity of said image storage means, and the free storage capacity after reception.

6. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus

transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.


7. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to designate the sheet number of images to be transferred within a range of free information of said image storage means and admit of the image transfer of the designated sheet number of images when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

8. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptant to select the images to be transferred within a range of free information of said image storage means and admit of the image transfer of the selected images when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

9. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for selectively deleting images stored on said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means.

10. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said image transmission apparatus is provided with means for requesting image transfer to transmit to said image reception apparatus the image transfer request signal containing the information of reduced images in addition to the transfer amount of data of the image information to be transmitted prior to transmitting the actual image data.

11. (Withdrawn) An image transfer system according to Claim 1, wherein said image transmission apparatus and said image reception apparatus are digital cameras.

 12. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method for transferring image information from an image transmission apparatus to an image reception apparatus provided with means for storing images, wherein

said image transmission apparatus comprises the step of requesting the transfer of images to transmit to said image reception apparatus an image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating the transfer amount of data on the image information to be transmitted prior to the transmission of the actual image data; and

said image reception apparatus comprises the step of determining whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on image storage means in accordance with the information of the transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal and the free information of said image storage means with respect to said image transfer request,

the step of inputting transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user by displaying the result of determination in said determination step, and the step of

transmitting response to transmit to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user, and  
said image transmission apparatus begins the transfer of image information in accordance with the transfer acceptance signal from said image reception apparatus.

13. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.


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14. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

15. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the sum of the data amount is calculated in said determination step in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

16. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein the current free storage capacity of said image storage means and the free storage capacity after reception are displayed in said step of inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal.

17. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said step of inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal further comprises the step of restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the acceptance restricted in said step of restricting acceptance.

18. (Withdrawn) An image transfer method according to Claim 12, wherein said image transmission apparatus and said image reception apparatus are digital cameras.



19. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus comprising:  
means for receiving image transfer request to receive the image transfer request signal containing the information of transfer amount indicating transfer data amount of the image information to be transferred;  
image storage means;  
determination means for determining whether or not all the images to be transferred can be stored on said image storage means in accordance with said information of transfer amount contained in said image transfer request signal, and the free information of said image storage means;  
means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal to prompt the user to accept or refuse the transfer by displaying the determination result of said determination means, and

means for transmitting response to transmit response to said image transmission apparatus the transfer refusal signal or the transfer acceptance signal in accordance with the instruction of the user.


20. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the information indicating the sheet number of images storable on the free region of said image storage means.

21. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sum of each amount of image data of images to be transferred, and the free information of said image storage means is the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

22. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said information of transfer amount is the information indicating the sheet number of images to be transferred, and said determination means calculates the sum of the data amount in accordance with said information of transfer amount, and compares the sum with the free storage capacity of said image storage means.

23. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal displays the current free storage capacity of said image storage means, and the free storage capacity after reception.

24. (Withdrawn) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said means for inputting the transfer acceptance or refusal is provided with means for restricting acceptance to admit of the image transfer within a range of the free information of said image storage means when said information of transfer amount exceeds the free information of said image storage means, and said image transmission apparatus transmits only the acceptable images in accordance with the restricted acceptance by said means for restricting acceptance.

 25. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus comprising:  
transfer means for transferring the information of data amount indicating the data amount of image data to an external apparatus and the information of priority order of said image data;

reception means for receiving from said external apparatus a response signal indicating whether or not said external apparatus admits of the transmission of said image data in accordance with said information of data amount, said information of priority order and the free storage capacity of storage means to store said image data in said external apparatus; and

control means for controlling the transmission of said image data in accordance with the response signal received by said reception means to indicate whether or not the transmission of said image data is admitted.

26. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the response signal to indicate whether or not the transmission of said image data is admitted is generated by the manual operation of said external apparatus.



27. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said image transmission apparatus is a digital camera.

28. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said transfer means and said reception means perform transfer and transmission by use of cordless line.

29. (Currently Amended) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein said transfer means performs transfer by adding the thumb nail images having a file name corresponding to said image data ~~or said image data~~ or the information of ~~of~~ ~~[[or]]~~ priority order of said image data. ✓

30. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the image corresponding to said image data is the image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said response signal to indicate whether or not the transfer of said image data is admitted permits the transfer of a part of a plural files, but not any transfer of the files other than the part of the file permitted for transfer. ✓

31. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein said file name indicates the positional information when said image data is photographed.

32. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the image corresponding to said image data is the image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said transfer means transfers the audio corresponding to said image.

33. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 27, further comprising:

photographing means to photograph images, and said photographing means is capable of photographing during the transmission of said image data.

34. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising:

means for designating the suspension of said communication.

35. (Original) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the image corresponding to said image data is the image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said reception means receives from said external apparatus the information indicating the files to be received by said external apparatus, and the information indicating the address of the external apparatus other than said external apparatus, and the files to be received by the external apparatus other than said external apparatus.

36. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus comprising:  
reception means to receive a transfer including the information of data amount indication to the data amount of image data and the information of priority order of said image data, from an external apparatus;

detection means to detect the free storage capacity of storage means to store said image data;

output means to output the indication screen to indicate the reception of said image data in accordance with said information of data amount, said information of priority order and said free storage capacity;

transmission means to transmit to the external apparatus the signal to indicate whether or not said image data are required in accordance with the reception indication of said image data; and

image reception means to transmit to said external apparatus the signal to indicate whether or not said external apparatus is admitted to the transmission of said image data, to receive the image data transmitted by said external apparatus in response to said signal transmitted by said image reception means.

37. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the signal to indicate whether or not the transfer of said image data is admitted is generated by the manual designation in accordance with the indication of said output means.


38. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said image transmission apparatus is a digital camera.

39. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said transmission means and said reception means perform transfer and transmission by use of cordless line.

40. (Currently Amended) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein said reception means receives the thumb nail images having a file name corresponding to said image data or said image data ~~or also receives the information of priority order of said image data.~~

41. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the image corresponding to said image data is the image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said signal to indicate whether or not the transfer of said image data is admitted permits the transfer of a part of plural files, but not any transfer of the files other than the part of the file permitted for transfer.

42. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein a file name indicates the positional information when said image data is photographed.

 43. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the image corresponding to said image data is the image corresponding to a plurality of files, and said reception means receives the audio corresponding to said image.

44. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, further comprising:  
photographing means to photograph images, and said photographing means is capable of photographing during the reception of said image data.

45. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, further comprising:  
means for designating the suspension of said image reception.

46. (Original) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the image corresponding to said image data is the image corresponding to a plurality of files, and the information indicating the files to be received by said image

reception means, and the address of the external apparatus to receive the files other than the files to be received by said image reception means are transmitted when transmission is made.

47. (Previously Presented) An image transmission apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the response signal includes information which designates a terminal station other than said external apparatus as a transmission destination of the image data to be transmitted.

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48. (Previously Presented) An image reception apparatus according to Claim 36, wherein the signal which indicates whether or not said external apparatus is admitted to the transmission of the image data, includes information which designates a terminal station the other than said image reception apparatus as a transmission destination of the image data to be transmitted.

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